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I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP).

Brigadier General Ahti Toimi Paavali Vartiainen (Finland), who has been the Commander of UNFICYP since 1 August 1994, will relinquish his post on 28 February 1997. Following consultations with the parties concerned, it is my intention to appoint Colonel Evergisto Arturo de Vergara of Argentina as the next Commander of UNFICYP. The Government of Argentina has informed me that Colonel de Vergara will be promoted to Major-General upon his appointment to this post.

I should be grateful if you would convey this information to the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kofi A. ANNAN

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